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OF BASE AGREEMENT

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B. ATHENS 10741 DTG 51638Z OCT 76 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE GOG ISSUED ITS ANNOUNCEMENT ON
OCT 8 STATING THAT THE TALKS ON THE GREEK-US DCA
HAD BEEN RECESSED. THIS ENCOURAGED OPPOSITION LEADERS TO
CONTINUE THEIR DEMANDS THAT NO AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED
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BY THE GOVT WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING PARLIAMENT.

THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER GOVERNMENT COMMENT SINCE THE
ISSUANCE OF ITS OCT 8 STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER (UDC) LEADER GEORGE
MAVROS RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNMENTS COMMUNIQUE
ANNOUNCING THAT THE SIXTH PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
ON US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION HAD BEEN RECESSED WITH
A STATEMENT REITERATING THE UDC'S DEMAND THAT THE
GOVERNMENT NOT BIND ITSELF OR GREECE TO AN AGREEMENT
BEFORE LISTING TO THE OPPOSITIONS VIEWS. ACCORDING TO THE
SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA), MAVROS SAID "WE
DO NOT KNOW THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT OR WHETHER IT
INCLUDES ANY GUARANTEES TO GREECE AGAINST A POSSIBLE
TURKISH ATTACK OR FOR A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNGA." HE THEN
REPEATED HIS DEMAND FOR A PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. ON
OCT 11 MAVROS FOLLOWED UP HIS DEMAND WITH A WRITTEN
REQUEST TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. THE UDC PRESS OFFICER
SAID THAT THE TEXT OF THE LETTER WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC
UNTIL THE PRIME MINISTER HAD HAD TIME TO REPLY.

3. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, SPEAKING FOR THE PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST
MOVEMENT (PASOK) ON OCT 10, REPEATED HIS DEMANDS FOR
BOTH A PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND A NATIONAL REFERENDUM
(REF B) BEFORE ANY COMMITMENTS ARE MADE. NOTING THAT THE
GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT THE GREEK-US TALKS
WERE MARKED AS USUAL BY "A SPIRIT OF CORDIAL AND
CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION," PAPANDREOU SAID "WE ARE LED
INEVITABLY TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE GOVT EITHER HAS
NO MARGINS OF INDEPENDENCE ALLOWING IT TO REACT AS BEFITS
A GREEK GOVERNMENT OR THAT IT LACKS THE SENSE OF THE
ORDINARY GREEK CITIZEN."

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, PAPANDREOU ALSO ASKED
"IS IT OR IS IT NOT A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD THE
PEOPLE TO DENY THE REPORT THAT THE US IS ARMING TURKEY
THROUGH ITS GERMAN AND IRANIAN CHANNELS ON SUCH A SCALE
AS TO DISTURB THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE AEGEAN?" HE WAS
REFERRING TO A GOVT STATEMENT OF OCT 8 WHICH
COMPARED THE LEVELS OF GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
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GREECE AND TURKEY DURING 1975-77 AND WHICH NOTED THAT "THE
NOISE OVER SPECIAL TREATMENT BY GERMANY IN FAVOR OF TURKEY
AT THE EXPENSE OF GREECE IS UNJUSTIFIED." THE GOVERNMENT'S
STATEMENT CAME ON THE HEELS OF REPORTS IN THE PRESS THAT THE
US WAS ENCOURAGING GERMANY TO GIVE TURKEY ONE BILLION
MARKS IN MILITARY AID. LATER REPORTS TRANSMUTED THE MARKS
INTO DOLLARS.
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